



Northern California/Northern Nevada Association of USA Track & Field

Officials Executive Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, February 26, 2023

4:00-6:00 PM

Meeting

Time Start 4:03 PM PT

In Attendance : Phil Leake, Dave Shrock, Charles Murphy, Dennis Boyle, John Shirey, Robert Benoy,
Rick Berman , John Llygren, Ajay Padgaonkar, Mike Bower, Bill Bartel, Tori Busto

:: Chair's Report - Phil

1. Currently in the beginning of this 2023 Season PAUSATF has increased with 19 more officials, due to officials that completed all of the registrations in and background checks and rules reviews. Yesterday we were at the Run, Jump, Throw Event at Will C Wood and a everything is looking pretty good. This event has proven to be a solid give to get for our association and the community. The Olympians, Athletes, Coaches, Parents and Officials all had a great time instructing. This assists with increasing memberships for USATF Teams, potential Officials. The General feedback is for more R,J,T's and Clinic's specific to events for training. Making training more accessible. College updates, Rick Anderson is no longer at American River College he has retired . Jeanette Pollis this season will probably be her last season. We will be seeing some changes coming this season for some of our college coaches. Sacramento State has not completed the repairs to their facilities. The carpet on the track that was determined needing repairs before the 2022 Junior Olympics have not been completed as of now. The NCAA meet we have scheduled looks like practically everybody in this call will be working at that meet. I am now in the process getting down and getting everything else so we need for those Championships. More details for the NCAA meet will be coming out next week.

:: Certification Chair - Ajay

2. Summary we have 21 new officials in 2023, 3 were upgraded and 5 more requests for upgrades are being processed at this time. Officials certifying for the current Olympiad so far 273. A few Officials have moved for the area, or retired about 20 are non-compliant. The valid count of officials as of today is 230.

New Business - Andy Crawford proposed that we set aside \$1000 budget to reimburse officials for their background checks or such other expenses to encourage more officials. In his proposal, he said that the reimbursement request can come only after they have officiated at two meets and submitted their résumé and possibly evaluation's. My comment is that I'm not sure that this is necessary. I promised Andy, I would bring it up in this ex-con meeting.

:: Training Chair Report - Bill

3. It was a busy training year. We teamed up with Oregon again combined trainings. There were some trainings that I would say, overall attendance is still down from past years. I think people are still coming out of Covid little by little. Some clinics were better attended than others. Part of the problem currently is trying to secure facilities for training in person. We had several clinics scheduled in person. Unfortunately, we had to cancel. Cancellation happened last minute not being able to use the facilities. We had some weather issues this year as well. This is something we will have to problem solve for next season. The cancellation of the facilities came late to my

attention. It was really kind of unfortunate. These kind of get-togethers are beneficial to our training getting together and having lunch and discussing the fundamentals in the things that come up with Officiating. I was really kind of bummed that we had to cancel.

:: Rancho Cordova the cost for Rancho Cordova this year was \$467.50 that represents power to the facility and the other half is being picked up by the Rancho Cordova. It's been a good partnership with them and this is our second year over there so I'm hoping that we can continue to grow that school and that placing and maybe it will at some points to plant some plants to plant sac state, but we will see what happens here. They're hoping that they can bring that cost basically down to zero in the next couple years very handy. Super great sign up for different clinics different days, an intro clinic at that Salinas and the RJT at Wood.

a) Clinics Update -Zoom and Live. Thank you, Mr. Cherry, for the January 29 clinic. We had another introduction clinic over at Modesto Junior College right here in this column. All-Comers meets in the region were well attended this season. Good numbers in attendance for athletes and officials gearing up for the season. A big thank you to Bill for all the clinics work he does. We are beginning to increase numbers in our more southern area. We started discussions about increasing official crews in the Fresno, and in the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo area that are in need of four vertical crews four horizontal crews and possibly one more throws crew. There's not very many officials to pull from in these two regions currently. We need to increase official membership in that area.

:: Mentoring Chair - Dennis Boyle

Regional Resource Coordinator System Process

4. Since our last meeting of the PAOEC, the RRC's assisted with gathering of data regarding the status of mentoring needs. The following gives some information of the status of the program.

56 Apprentices from 2021 – 2022 were surveyed and of the 56:

23% Had requested that we find a mentor for them

25% Did not feel they needed a mentor or not a mentor at the time

28% Were provided a mentor or found their own mentor

30% Did not respond to the communications which occurred via email, phone calls, and texts

We have now in 2023 approximately 36 new officials. The status of their need for mentorship has not yet been fully assessed.

Discussion at the last Regional Resource Coordinator Meeting on February 22 regarding the role of the RRC's with the Mentor Program took place. The possibility of RRC's assisting the Mentor Chair with recruitment and assignment of mentors was one of the topics.

:: PA Board of Athletics Report (Rob, Charles, Jennifer). Charles said the calendar is doing its function. Rob mentioned that Jim was going to send out a survey to find out how effective the new system is being received. He hasn't done it yet but I'm sure that that's something that we're gonna get out in the near future as we would like to know. Coaches are interested in the calendar and how to accommodate all types of meets are posted. We have new photos on our Website! Thank you to all who work to make the changes.

:: USATF Pacific Foundation Update - John Shirey

6. The three marathon training grant award winners this fall are Brendon Gregg, Amy Schanz, and Maya Weigel.

• The re-elected officers are John Shirey, President; Michelle La Sala, CFO; Rick Berman, CIO; and Stephanie Trafton, Secretary.

• New members of the Board of Directors are Lisa Bauduin, retired track and field coach at Sacramento City College, and David Sander, a local high school throws coach, an official, and a council member for

the City of Rancho Cordova.

- Other persons recently re-elected to the Board of Directors are Scott Bauhs, Kim Conley, and Kendall Spencer.

- The Fall Fundraiser for the Foundation begins on November 21. All members of the Pacific Association will receive information about how they can contribute to the goal of raising \$12,000 for athletes

:: Leon Awards - Ryan Crowley

1. Sonny and Lori Award the discussion from our last meeting is continue moving forward with this award as planned to circulate the award as we move forward.

2. Renaming the HOC Horace Crow Award and George Kleeman Award to be discussed as prior minutes the discussion continues until clarified of its new position or role.

3. Here are PA Awards Banquet notes that are relevant to Officials:

Bill Bartel represented the officials committee and recognized all of the 2022 Officials Committee awards winners (these were given in Aug. 2022)

Officials Jon Price, Beth Price, and Dennis Boyle each received Pacific Association Service Awards for their dedicated work within the association

Official Dave Shrock received the Tom Moore lifetime achievement award for his near 50-year service to track and field and the Pacific Association

:: LDR Rick Berman

- Completed 19 of 22 LDR events for the year.
- CIM, Club XC Nationals, and Xmas Relays remain.
- We've had several National Age Group records submitted for ratification from Sactown 10, Urban Cow Half, and Clarksburg Country Run Half.
- We had a World Record submitted for IAU and World Athletics ratification from the Ruth Anderson 50k and a US National Age Group record from the Ruth Anderson 50mile.
- If Phil Leake is selected by the Officials selection committee for the CIM (me/Rick), watch out for earthquake or other natural disaster activity as he breaks his longstanding streak of service at the 23mile aid station and moves to work the finish line.
- As of the meeting time, we have 25 Officials signed up for the Club XC Nationals. To properly cover the courses, we can use 10 more. Another call email will be going out shortly.
- Over the next couple of years, we need to shift some attention to advancement for LDR officials. We are a bit thin at the senior levels of certification (Master and LDR Referee G1 or G2).

:: Youth Chair - Don Harding

Not in attendance. Requested updates or reports by email. Unfortunately, no response.

:: Old Business

:: Update status of USATF/NCAA meets for 2022-2023

1. We have 80s selected officials most from the Pacific Association to fill in for selections. Besides the NCAA Championships in Sacramento this year May 2023. We should be done and have selections probably by the end of the week and talk on arrival times, etc. Later in the year, I believe we have a not sure if it's this year or next year week in the fall. We have the NCAA Cross County meet, which will probably be for Pacific Association officials to look forward to. Other than that, we have evaluations going at and the process and figure out how to get the process started. Don't always have to go to Stanford to be evaluated and so I'm sure John will be talking with you about that little bit later and hold on yet other meets around the areas that we can get more evaluations done on our crews. Could you explain little bit more? Evaluations should be done more often than just at Stanford...Bill said he has been receiving evaluations from anyone anytime.

:: PAUSATF Officials Website Revamp and Update (John L)

1. The Pacific Association's website pictures have been updated. Thank you to all of you for all your work. It's exciting to see the new pictures. there might be some confusion with some new officials trying to find the regional coordinator. If we could all pitch in and help them identify who the Regional Coordinator is that will assist our new officials in upgrading their badges and their certification levels. Point people in the right direction please.

:: Updated Purchase Of EDM

Jim M Not in attendance

:: Run, Jump, Throw - Tori

1. The Run, Jump, Throw was well attended this year. A big thank you to Robin Stevens and Stephanie Brown Trafton for taking the time to come work with the athletes. All the smiles were worth it thank you to all the officials for coming and working individually with all the kids. They are future athletes. Without them there's not another track meet. I did receive wonderful feedback from a lot of the parents and some of the coaches from some of the teams. It seems that they really like the idea of training the kids annually and specifically would like to see more training events in specific areas. I'm planning on working on some other things that could be specific training events, beneficial for small teams, in athlete specific events.

:: NBN Copyright

1. NBN sports has received a cease-and-desist order from USATF National because of the logo. We are looking into the Pacific Association logo along with the USATF logo can be combined on a shirt. In the meantime, please purchase shirts through the USATF website. Hopefully this could be done without any copyright infringements.

:: Equipment needs for 2023

Starting Blocks; Rails: do we purchase a set for PA?; EDM: do we purchase another unit?

Changing the raffle ticket to electronic.

1. It was voted upon to move forward with the electronic ticket system for the next annual meeting and fund raising no new recap from last meeting.

:: New Business

Ticketing system for fundraising. EDM, Starting Blocks, Rail System purchases for PA?

:: New Business: let's get the awards messages out sooner..

:: Adjournment (Phil)...

:: Close 6:02 PM

:: **Next Meeting: 6/7/2023 at 7 PM**